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“We believe that God is no respecter of persons, but that He confers blessings upon all His children in proportion to the light they have, or in proportion as they proceed according to the light and knowledge they possess in the different circumstances of life that may surround them.”—LORENZO SNOW.

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THE LAW OF THE LORD

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I DO NOT recall that at a first session of a General Conference held on a week day, I have ever seen as large an attendance as we have here to-day. I rejoice in the interest of the Saints in our annual and semi-annual conferences. It is a remarkable thing for people by the thousands to come from all parts of the United States, also from Canada and Mexico, to these meetings. It shows the interest, the faith and the love of the people for the Gospel of Jesus Christ that has been revealed in our day.

On behalf of the General Authorities of the Church, I welcome you here. I earnestly and sincerely pray that while we are assembled together, we may be blessed of the Lord, that those who speak and pray and sing may do so under the inspiration that comes from our Heavenly Father.

It has been customary for very many years to read to the people a statement of expenditures and statistical matters at our annual conferences.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1930 are as follows :

Stake and Ward Purposes : There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and wards for the construction of stake and ward meeting houses, \$887,678.43; for ward maintenance expenses, \$590,792.34; for stake maintenance expenses, \$271,983.42; total, \$1,750,454.19.

Education : Expended for the maintenance of the Church school system, \$811,622.19.

Temples: Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples, \$196,898.81.

Charities: For the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment, \$203,091.41.

Missions: For the maintenance and operation of all the missions and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions, \$916,543.59.

I believe I am safe in saying that in no time in the history of the Church has there been so much expended in our missions as during the past two or three years, including the year that has just closed.

The grand total of these appropriations from the tithes and resources of the Church is, \$3,878,610.19.

These funds have been taken from the tithes and Church investments and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and Temples, for charities and mission activities.

Other Charities: In addition to charities paid from the tithes as before named, there has also been disbursed the fast offerings, other charities and assistance rendered by the Relief Society in the sum of \$461,404.39, which amount, added to the \$203,091.41 paid from the tithes, makes the total charity assistance rendered by the Church, \$667,495.80.

There has been collected by the various wards of the Church and paid to missionaries to assist in their maintenance (principally to send them to their fields of labour) \$100,685.08.

STATISTICS AND OTHER REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1930

We have at the present time: Stakes of Zion, 104; Wards, 926; Independent Branches, 74; Dependent Branches, 33; total Wards and Branches in the Stakes of Zion, from Canada to Mexico, 1,033; Missions, 30; Mission Branches, 873; Districts, 246.

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the Stakes and Missions, 20,021.

Children baptized in the Stakes and Missions, 15,313.

Converts baptized and entered on the records of the Stakes and Missions, 6,758.

Number of long term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1930, 1,889.

Number of short term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1930, 52.

Number of local missionaries, 107.

Total number of missionaries on foreign missions, 2,048.

Number engaged in missionary work in Stakes, 1,000.

Total missionaries, 3,048.

Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home, 812.

Persons recommended to the Temples from the Stakes and Missions, 69,109.

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate, 29.7 per thousand.

Marriage rate, 13.9 per thousand.

Death rate, 7.6 per thousand.

Families owning their own homes, 68 per cent.

New mission organized: Texas Mission, with headquarters at Houston, Texas.

New Mission Presidents:

Charles E. Rowan, Jr., has been appointed President of the Texas Mission.

Charles H. Hart has been released as President of the Canadian Mission, and John V. Bluth appointed to succeed him.

VIOLATIONS OF CHURCH LAW

I desire to bring to the attention of the members of the Church some very regrettable and most annoying circumstances. I have taken occasion in times past to denounce the conduct of persons, both within and without the Church, who have palpably sought to bring disgrace upon the Church and reproach to its leaders in the circulation of propaganda for and the unlawful practice of pretended "plural marriage." Notwithstanding the positive, unequivocal declarations which I have made from time to time on this subject, and in spite of the vigorous and unvarying prosecution within the courts of the Church, from the tribunals of the bishops to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, of cases arising out of violations of the law of the Church forbidding absolutely the practice of plural marriage—notwithstanding all these efforts on the part of the authorities of the Church to suppress the unlawful practices and propaganda of these people, we find that there are still a number, relatively small we hope, who persist in teaching the doctrine and maligning the leaders of the Church.

Wherever the authorities of the Church have been able to locate such persons and secure sufficient definite evidence to warrant their conviction, they have, without fear or favour, been dealt with and excommunicated from the Church. This procedure is the limit of Church jurisdiction.

We have been, however, and we are entirely willing and anxious too that such offenders against the law of the State should be dealt with and punished as the law provides. We have been and are willing to give such legal assistance as we legitimately can in the criminal prosecution of such cases. We are willing

to go to such limits not only because we regard it as our duty as citizens of the country to assist in the enforcement of the law and the suppression of pretended "plural marriages," but also because we wish to do everything humanly possible to make our attitude toward this matter so clear, definite and unequivocal as to leave no possible doubt of it in the mind of any person.

There are always to be found in any large group of people, some who are uninformed, credulous, and easily susceptible to the persuasions of more forceful personalities. Such persons are often well-meaning and at heart very devoted to the Church. It is a matter of sorrow and deep regret to us that some such members of the Church have been inveigled by designing men and fanatics into the support and practice of unlawful relations. It is largely for the protection of such class of people within the Church and similarly minded converts to the Church that we feel the necessity of stressing this unpleasant subject so much.

The machinations of the proponents of unlawful marriages are, of course, carried on largely in secret. The Church has no adequate way of thwarting their endeavours before much harm is often done, although the officers of the Church, from the highest to the least, are definitely instructed to be constantly on the watch for such teaching and propagandists.

CIRCULATION OF DEFAMATORY AND LIBELOUS LITERATURE

We have hesitated somewhat to make public statements or denials to charges and false assertions published in literature sent out by these enemies of the Church and its administration, because we have felt that added publicity to their pernicious statements would be gratifying to them and probably useless in stemming their activity. There is scarcely a man among the leading authorities who has not been defamed by them, both in print and speech.

They have circulated their literature as widely as possible with their available means, even sending defamatory pamphlets to the missionaries of the Church in their fields of labour, extending to Europe. We suppose that in some instances this material may fall into the hands of interested friends, weak members of the Church, and others who already, by reason of misrepresentation, are prejudiced against us.

There are some, undoubtedly, among these who give credence to that which they read, although, of course, we should be able to expect and we do expect that no missionary of the Church, would credit such false assertions.

These publications are not only slanderous of the leaders of the Church, but they are calculated to cast a blemish on the fair name of our communities. Their authors are apparently without conscience as to the truth of their statements, seeking only to influence those who are uninformed and gullible.

They have charged me and many of my brethren here with the commission of crime, and have manufactured circumstances as fictitious as the imagination can conceive. We have felt that it was beneath us to make reply to such false and malignant accusations. We have believed that neither the people of the Church nor those outside the Church with whom we live as neighbours and fellow citizens would expect us to answer.

If there are any of our brothers or sisters or friends who feel that there are any circumstances which warrant an answer or defense on our part, we assure any such we shall be glad to satisfy them on their request. And when we say our friends, we mean our friends, not those who write anonymous letters, or individuals who make false statements about us.

Perhaps we are presumptuous, but we feel that our standing in the community as men of integrity and honour is a sufficient rebuttal to these infamous charges made against us.

In most instances the misrepresentations and false accusations have been made by way of recital and innuendo, with an apparent effort to shield the authors and publisher from legal responsibility. In one recent instance, however, they have been bold enough to print a libelous attack on President John A. Widtsoe, supposedly because they knew of his expected presence here for conference.

The circumstances recited are wholly fictitious and false, and are presented, undoubtedly, with the purpose of creating prejudice against him and injuring his work in Europe. We think that the high esteem in which Doctor Widtsoe is held, not only in the Church, but in his state and as a national figure, makes unnecessary any reply to such calumny. However, if he desires, he may have the facilities we can afford to protect himself and to prosecute the defamers of his good name.

CHURCH ATTITUDE TOWARD POLYGAMY

Now in conclusion, let me state again, as I have done many times before—and my statement is meant for every member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for our neighbours and friends who dwell in the communities where we live, and for the whole world—that the Church does not countenance, aid, abet, tolerate or sanction in any way, shape or form the contracting of so-called “plural marriages,” but that on the contrary, it absolutely forbids the members of the Church from entering into any such unlawful relations or teachings or encouraging such practices, and that it will continue in the future as it has done in the past to deal with and punish to the extent of its authority any persons who violate these injunctions. I do not know how to make it plainer or more forceful. If I did I would do so.

As I read this, I recall that the statement is made by these

people that the leaders of the Church can practice these things. So when this is published, I will say that this applies to all the General Authorities of the Church and the members, for fear these falsifiers will start another falsehood.

I want the officers of our Church, our missionaries, all who in any manner represent us, to know beyond any doubt whatsoever that this is the straightforward, honest, unequivocal position of the Church, and I want them all to know that any person or persons who question this assertion, cast reflection upon the honour and integrity of the men who stand at the head of the Church as its General Authorities, for this statement sets forth not only my own views and purposes, but it is sustained in every detail, in letter and in spirit, by each and every member of the First Presidency, the Council of the Twelve Apostles, the Presiding Patriarch, the First Council of Seventy, and the Presiding Bishopric, to whom it has been submitted and by whom it has been unanimously approved.

I wish to say that I want it understood that so far as God gives me power to give His word to the people, it is the word of the Lord.

FALSE CHARGES RETARD THE WORK

Now, I cannot do more. Of course the circumstances to which I have called attention are very provoking and annoying to us. It is easy to become angry when we contemplate the harm and incalculable injury that some of these perverted, vicious men have perpetrated on the Church, but I do not speak in anger.

I have in mind only the welfare and the progress of the great cause which we represent and love, and the people who are within the Church and those to whom we are carrying the Gospel. It hurts me to see the advancement of the work retarded by such regrettable activities within the Church itself. We may always expect to be assailed from without, but it seems to me we can reasonably hope that within the Church our solemn statements of the fact and principle will be received at face value.

It may be that among those who so malign the Church and its leaders are some who are conscientious in their endeavours. I am sorry that they are so simple and misguided as to permit themselves to be allied with those who, by reason of their propaganda and activity, are among the most malicious enemies of the Church.

I pray that their eyes may be opened and their course set right. I pray also that all the people of the Church in all parts of the world may unite in a determined effort to abolish from the inside of the Church, at least, these insidious efforts and unlawful practices which are calculated to bring so much reproach upon us.

These same people who are publishing these slanderous statements have also said that the presiding officers of the Church

have used the credit of the Church and involved it in debt to the extent of \$23,000,000.00, mortgaging its property to secure this indebtedness.

The fact is that during my administration, no part of the property of the Church has ever been mortgaged, and the Church itself is entirely free from debt.

In proof of what I have said, I read the statement of the Church auditing committee, as follows :

April 4th, 1931.

President Heber J. Grant and Counselors.

Dear Brethren :

It gives us pleasure to state that our examination of the reports of the First Presidency's office, which covered the Presiding Bishop's department, disclosed the fact that the Church is entirely out of debt.

The accounting system of the Church is modern and complete.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. ROLAPP,

O. W. ADAMS,

Auditing Committee.

OBEY THE LAWS OF THE LAND

It is against the law of the land to enter into polygamy. In Section 58 of the Doctrine and Covenants, we find the following :

For verily I say unto you, my law shall be kept on this land.

Let no man think he is ruler; but let God rule him that judgeth, according to the counsel of his own will, or, in other words, him that counseleth or sitteth upon the judgment seat.

Let no man break the laws of the land, for he that keepeth the laws of God hath no need to break the laws of the land.

Wherefore, be subject to the powers that be, until he reigns whose right it is to reign, and subdues all enemies under his feet.

I would like all those in this congregation who feel to sustain this statement that I have read to you, to manifest it as the Apostles and all of the General Authorities have done, by raising their right hands. (The congregation responded by raising their hands.) I have never seen such a lot of hands held so high in my life. All those who are opposed to this statement will please raise their hands. (No hands were raised.) Our enemies do not seem to be here.

The Prophet Joseph, at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple, in the prayer offered on that occasion, among other things said :

We ask thee, Holy Father, to confound, and astonish, and to bring to shame and confusion, all those who have spread lying reports abroad, over the world, against thy servant or servants, if they will not repent, when the everlasting gospel shall be proclaimed in their ears ;

And that all their works may be brought to naught, and be swept away by the hail, and by the judgments which thou wilt send upon them in thine anger, that there may be an end to lyings and slanders against thy people.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1931

EDITORIAL

SCHOOLS

THE purpose of education is to train one for useful life in the community. Taking this as a measure, the success of the individual students is not uniform. There are reasons. The major one is this: One gets out of schooling just what he puts into it.

Some students, attracted by outside influences, pay little heed to class work. Their home work is neglected. They disregard the recitations of other students, disregard the rules and regulations of the school, and are responsible for disturbances. They do not profit from the experiences of the teacher, who himself has gone through school, for they do not expose themselves to his teachings. They do not receive, for they do not seek, and schooling is of little benefit to them.

On the other hand, there are students who listen eagerly to every word that is uttered in class. Having their minds concentrated on their studies, they add knowledge to knowledge, experience to experience. They prepare their daily assignments, knowing their capacity increases each time they do. They obey the rules of the school, realizing that such are for their own good. When difficult problems or questions arise, they seek the confidential assistance of the teacher, who gladly explains and helps. They ask, and they receive. When school days are over, they are well prepared to carry on life's responsibilities.

Teachers and parents, knowing full well the outcome, grieve and sorrow over the neglectful child. The individual himself, after he has grown to maturity, with many regrets, realizes his mistakes; but it is too late. But how instructors and parents rejoice over the success of one who has conscientiously and diligently completed his studies. And how much, also, does the student himself rejoice as he reaps the rewards of his efforts.

Earth life, the success of which depends upon how well we prepare ourselves, is but a school to train mankind for a greater life. God, who abounds in intelligence, wisdom and love, having gone through similar experiences, is our capable Headmaster. Having our welfare at heart, He reveals eternal principles, and patiently instructs and guides all who will receive Him, in the things which He knows are necessary for our success.

There are those of mankind who, overcome by the glitter of earthly treasure, fail to understand these great principles of life,

and consequently do not adhere to them. Nothing is opened to them from the eternal storehouse of intelligence, for they do not knock. Because of their short-sightedness, having little regard for their fellow mortals, they give their time and efforts to temporary but vain pleasures, rather than seeking to fulfil an eternal purpose and thus obtain eternal happiness. They are like the foolish schoolboy who neglects his lessons.

But there are those who live according to every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Headmaster. When doubts and perplexities confront them, when they thirst for greater understanding, they go to their Headmaster in humble prayer, and in faith do they receive an answer. Keeping in mind an eternal aim, they make use of every opportunity to reach that goal, which they understand can only be reached by obeying divine ordinances and commands, the foundation of which are faith, repentance, authoritative baptism in water, and reception of the Holy Ghost, whose office it is to lead mankind to all truth.

After the consummation of all things, one group, because of blindness and foolishness during their mortal journey, will look back over the past with deep sorrow and regret. They will then understand. But those who have succeeded in attaining their eternal goal through faithfully completing earthly studies, having increased in intelligence, wisdom and love, will look over the past with gratitude and pleasure, and will rejoice eternally with their Headmaster.

It is well that each ask himself, "To which group do I belong?"

It is an eternal principle—as a man sows, so shall he reap. One gets out of life, this earthly school, just what he puts into it—no more, no less.

WILLIAM D. CALLISTER

APRIL GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE 101st Annual General Conference of the Church was held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 4th, 5th and 6th, in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City. Again the great auditorium was crowded at every session with thousands of people from nearby cities and towns, as well as many from distant points.

This was the first Conference in many years that all the members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles were able to attend. It indeed was a time of rejoicing.

The message delivered at the opening session by President Heber J. Grant contains instructions of vital importance to every Latter-day Saint. The speech is published in this issue of the *Millennial Star*. It is hoped that the entire membership in the British Mission will read and thoroughly digest President Grant's address.

THE TABERNACLE ORGAN AND CHOIR

THE fame of the great Tabernacle organ, acclaimed by music artists to be one of the sweetest toned in the world, and of the unpaid "Mormon" choir of over three hundred mixed voices, is world-wide. Hundreds of thousands of tourists, who have visited Salt Lake City, marvel at the combination.

But through modern invention, the thrill of the melodious organ notes and of the harmonious voices, overflows the Tabernacle walls, filtering through space to distant countries, even across the ocean.

The following news item, under the heading "Listening to 'Mormons' at Utah," is taken from the March 20th, 1931, issue of the *Bury and Norwich Post*:

The following has been received from Mr. R. Rodrigo, Newmarket:

"An item which, to my mind, is of much interest to a large number of people in this country is the broadcast on the short-waves of the great organ and the choir, consisting of three hundred voices, from the Tabernacle of the 'Mormons' at Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Apparently, Station KSL, Salt Lake City, puts this fine broadcast on the air every Monday evening at 11: 15 p.m.; the broadcast is re-radiated by the Short-Wave Station W3-XAL, located at Bound Brook, New Jersey. As is well known among those who work on the short-waves, W3-XAL can easily be picked up in this country. I hasten to assure any listener who has not tuned in to W3-XAL, that the music is well worthy of a hearing, and the rendering of the classics by the choir is second to none."

The Latter-day Saints in the missions throughout Europe have often heard of the renowned organ and choir. They have longed for the ecstasy engendered by this music, which has only reached them by word of mouth from those who have heard.

To the members of the Church in Europe, this is good news. Those who possess or have access to wireless sets capable of tuning in on Station W3-XAL will rejoice at the opportunity afforded them every Monday evening

Our thanks and appreciation go out to Stations KSL, in Salt Lake City, and W3-XAL, in Bound Brook, New Jersey, for the reception of these programs now made possible over here.

THE LAW OF THE LORD

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We say Amen to the prophet's prayer on that occasion.

In my remarks to-day, I desire to read from the holy Scriptures some of the words of the Saviour, and also from the revelations that have come to us in our day.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

FALSE CHARGES AGAINST PRESIDENT GRANT

What kind of fruits do the people to whom I have referred bring forth? I know of no more outrageous, falsifying in my life than has been indulged in by these people. One man by the name of Woolley said that Anthony W. Ivins and Heber J. Grant went to Los Angeles, that he followed them, that they went into a hotel, and that Anthony W. Ivins married a plural wife to Heber J. Grant.

Anthony W. Ivins and Heber J. Grant were never in a hotel together in Los Angeles. Heber J. Grant has never suggested to any human being during his entire administration that anybody should ever enter into plural marriage. On the contrary, every man or woman who has ever opened his or her mouth to him on this subject, he has taught to the contrary.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Those who have heard my counsel for at least twelve years, to say nothing of that of my predecessors and others, to obey the laws of the land who do not do it, are building their houses upon sand, and they are absolutely certain to fall.

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

I call to mind that we tried a man by the name of Barlow for entering into pretended plural marriage years ago. This man brought to us a letter purporting to come from Owen Woodruff, who was dead, telling him to send the person to Mexico, stating that Owen Woodruff married this girl to him. There was not a word of truth in it. I went to his stenographer and confounded her, and she acknowledged that she wrote the postscript on the letter herself. After Owen Woodruff had been dead for years,

a man whose name I will not mention because he repented of his sins, acknowledged that he performed that marriage.

What do you think of that kind of people talking about the Church apostatizing and that they are the reformers?

WORKS AS NECESSARY AS FAITH

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? . . .

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

The Latter-day Saints are a people of great faith. But I regret exceedingly that there are many among us who fail to do the works of God, who fail to live up to the requirements of the Lord. I am sorry that there are scores and hundreds of people who are not living the Gospel as they should do, and observing to be honest, conscientious tithe-payers, observers of the Word of Wisdom, and who are not doing the other things that devolve upon us. Let us reform. Let us show our love of our fellows by keeping the commandments of God and setting an example before them that shall be worthy of imitation in all respects.

I recall that on the first of June, twelve years ago—we had not been able to hold a conference immediately following the death of our beloved and revered President Joseph F. Smith in November because of an epidemic of disease that existed—I was sustained to be the President of the Church, and I wish to quote a part of what I said at that time:

I feel humble beyond any language with which God has endowed me to express it, in standing here before you this morning occupying the position in which you have just voted to sustain me. I will ask no man to be more liberal with his means than I am with mine, in proportion to what he possesses, for the advancement of God's kingdom. I will ask no man to observe the Word of Wisdom any more closely than I will observe it. I will ask no man to be more conscientious and prompt in the payment of his tithes and offerings than I will be. I will ask no man to be more ready and willing to come early and to go late, and to labour with full power of mind and body, than I will labour, always in humility. I hope and pray for the blessings of the Lord, acknowledging freely and frankly that without the Lord's blessing it will be an impossi-

bility for me to make a success of the high calling whereunto I have been called. But like Nephi of old, I know that the Lord makes no requirements of the children of men, save He will prepare a way for them whereby they can accomplish the thing which He has required. With this knowledge in my heart, I accept the great responsibility, without fear of the consequences, knowing that God will sustain me as He has sustained all of my predecessors who have occupied this position, provided always that I shall labour in humility and diligence, ever seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and this I shall endeavour to do.

Twelve years have passed away. But I can honestly and conscientiously say to this large assembly that I have day by day, month by month, and year by year, lived up to that pledge which I made at that time.

The Lord says :

Draw near unto me and I will draw near unto you ; seek me diligently and ye shall find me ; ask, and ye shall receive ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name it shall be given unto you, that is expedient for you ;

And if ye ask anything that is not expedient for you, it shall turn unto your condemnation. . . .

And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom ; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom ; seek learning, even by study and also by faith.

ALL SHOULD BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DOING GOOD WORK

Again from the Doctrine and Covenants :

See that ye love one another ; cease to be covetous ; learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires.

Cease to be idle ; cease to be unclean ; cease to find fault one with another ; cease to sleep longer than is needful ; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary ; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated.

And above all things, clothe yourselves with the bond of charity, as with a mantle, which is the bond of perfectness and peace.

I would like to read you the whole of Section fifty-eight, but I see that the time has practically expired, so I will read only a part of it.

For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things ; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant ; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

I have met any number of people who have said the Word of Wisdom is not a command from the Lord, that it is not given by way of commandment. But the Word of Wisdom is the will of the Lord, and the Lord says in the words that I have just read that it is not meet that we should be commanded in all things. If you love your neighbours as yourself, if you love God with

all your heart, might, mind and strength, does He need to command? No.

Listen to the following :

Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness.

Can you by your own free will accomplish righteousness in the world as well by failing to obey the will of the Lord as you can by observing it? I say no. One of the best ways in all the world to bring to pass much righteousness is to set an example as a conscientious, God-fearing Latter-day Saint, observing all of the requirements of the Lord.

For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.

But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with a doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.

Who am I that made man, saith the Lord, that will hold him guiltless that obeys not my commandments?

Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled?

I command and men obey not; I revoke and they receive not the blessing.

Then they say in their hearts: This is not the work of the Lord, for his promises are not fulfilled. But wo unto such, for their reward lurketh beneath, and not from above.

I commend the entire Section for your perusal.

I rejoice beyond all the power that God has given me to express my feelings for the knowledge that God is directing the affairs of the Church of Jesus Christ. I rejoice beyond all the ability that I have to express my feelings that He has given me a knowledge of the divine mission of our Saviour, the Redeemer of the world, the Son of the living God. I am happy beyond expression to know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God and an instrument in the hands of God in restoring again to the earth the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with the power of the Priesthood given to him by the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, who held that authority when they were here upon the earth.

I rejoice in knowing that the Lord, through the inspiration of His Spirit, has guided this people through all the changing scenes through which we have had to go. I am thankful that even when the Prophet Joseph and others were in Liberty Jail, one of the greatest of all the great revelations that have come to this people was given to him.

I rejoice in knowing that all these charges of tyranny and oppression and of a dictatorial management of the Church are absolutely false. There is not a man of the General Authorities of the Church, but that desires to do—what? To exercise the Priesthood exactly as the Lord says it should be exercised, as recorded

in the 121st Section of the Doctrine and Covenants. I will read the identical words. I really do not need to read them, as I can repeat them from memory :

No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned ;

By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile—

Reproving betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost ; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou hast reprov'd, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy ;

That he may know that thy faithfulness is stronger than the cords of death.

Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly ; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God ; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distill upon thy soul as the dew from heaven.

The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth ; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever.

The enemies of the Prophet could imprison him, but he had access to God Almighty, and was inspired and blessed of Him.

May the Lord help every one of us who professes the name of Jesus Christ and testifies to the divinity of the work in which we are engaged, to live it in honour, in virtue, in truth, is my prayer, that our example may proclaim by our works the truthfulness of it. I bear testimony before God to the divinity of this work, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.—Address delivered at the 101st Annual Conference of the Church, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., on Saturday, April 4th, 1931.

HULL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

DESPITE unpleasant weather conditions, a large group of members of the Church and friends were attracted by the Hull Spring District Conference, which was held on Sunday, April 19th, at the Scout Hall, Grimsby.

In attendance were the following Mission and District officers : President and Sister A. William Lund, and Elder Rulon T. Jeffs, of the British Mission Office ; President Karl C. Durham, and Elders Ralph C. Bardsley, Stephen S. Moore, Thomas A. Lambert, Marion J. Olsen, John Bauderson, Ferris H. Allen, Dallas A. Berrett, Clarence R. Ellsworth and Robert L. Bridge, all of the Hull District.

Members of the various Branch Sunday Schools, in a well-given program, portrayed the truths in the Thirteenth Article of Faith

at the morning session. Several of the missionaries addressed the audience on suitable Gospel subjects.

Soul-stirring testimonies and talks were given in the afternoon meeting by some of the local brethren and missionaries. President Lund concluded the meeting with a powerful discourse upon salvation for the dead; he told of the beauties of such work, and made a plea for the Saints to fulfil their obligations to their progenitors.

Again at the evening meeting, which was a fitting climax to the Conference, missionaries bore sincere testimony to the Gospel. Sister Lund spoke upon the benefits received through obeying the Gospel principles. President Lund then eloquently addressed the audience upon the fruits of "Mormonism" and the principles which had brought them about.

Considerable interest was added to the Conference by the beautiful musical items which were interspersed throughout the program.

ELDER MARION J. OLSEN, District Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Branch Conferences: Of the Blackburn Branch, Liverpool District, held on April 12th. "The Past as a Guide to the Future" served as the day's theme, and was well carried out by local members and missionaries before a large attendance.

Of the South Shields Branch, Newcastle District, held on April 5th. The Sunday School produced a pageant portraying the history of the Church of Christ. President Earl B. Cragun, and Elders E. Ronald Jones and Russell R. Phillips were present.

Doings in the Districts: *Birmingham*—At a baptismal service held in the Handsworth Chapel on April 11th, one person was baptized by Elder Arthur S. Gailey, and was confirmed by Elder Hillman C. Snell.

Manchester—A Primary Association was organized in the Manchester Branch on April 13th, with Harriet Stanley as president, and Doris Wylde and May Harmsworth as counselors, and Willie Baker as secretary. A well-prepared program was given by the children under the direction of Sisters Alice Joynt and Harriet Stanley. About twenty children attended.

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